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1. HAIDER INFORMS US THAT FORMAL INSTRUCTIONS WERE SENT EARLY THIS WEEK FROM HOME MINISTRY TO GOVT OF WEST BENGAL AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF PLEA TO LESSER CHARGES. HAIDER THOUGHT EMBASSY WAS CALLING TO CONFIRM WE HAD HEARD ALREADY THROUGH CONGEN CALCUTTA THAT THIS WAS ON THE TRACKS. HAIDER SUGGESTS HARCOS/FLETCHER'S CALCUTTA LAWYERS GET IN TOUCH WITH GOWB TO PURSUE HOW TO GO ABOUT PLEADING TO LESSER CHARGE.

2. HAIDER DID NOT THINK DONOVAN NEEDS TO WORRY ABOUT ENGAGING LAWYER FOR SUPREME COURT APPEAL UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. WE SUGGEST CALCUTTA LAWYERS PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER. IF THERE APPEARS TO BE NO REACTION OR IGNORANCE AT PROSECUTION LEVELS IN CALCUTTA, SUGGEST CONGEN CALCUTTA DISCUSS WITH GOWB HOME SECRETARY. CONGEN MAY USE CATEGORICAL ASSURANCE FROM HAIDER THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN SENT TO GOWB IN DISCUSSING WITH HOME SECRETARY.

3. DEPT. MAY INFORM DONOVAN.
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